

Categorical Exclusion — Gilbert Huntington, dba Alaska Koyukuk Guides

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A. Background

BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:FF095867

Proposed Action Title/Type: 2930 Special Recreation Permit

Location of Proposed Action:

Description of Proposed Action: The BLM is responding to an application filed under 43 CFR 2930, by Mr. Gilbert Huntington, dba —Alaska Koyukuk Guides. The purpose of this action is to provide guided spring (April 1 — June 15) grizzly/black bear and fall (August 1 — October 15) moose/grizzly/black bear hunts for up to four (4) clients each season on BLM lands. Location of the activity is in the Kateel, Nulato, Yukon and Gisasa River drainages of Guide Use Area 21-03 and the Koyukuk and Yukon River drainages of Guide Use Area 21-02. The Base Camp is on private land and spike camps for up to 14 days are allowed on BLM lands in the planning area.

The Moose hunts are dependent on draw permits from the State of Alaska. Additional animals to be hunted that will not be of primary focus are wolf. The applicant is requesting to use BLM managed lands because grizzly bear and moose inhabit the area.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name:The Central Yukon Resource Management Plan.

Date Approved/Amended: March 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Authorizing this permit is specifically provided for in The Central Yukon Resource Management Plan approved in March 1986.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the NEPA Handbook Appendix 1, 516 DM 11.9 (H), which states, “Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan.”

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered: the proposed action of providing access for Alaska Koyukuk Guides and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the location of proposed action.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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